

# Modern Chinese Warfare 1795–1989 Warfare And History 1st Edition By Elleman Bruce A Published By Routledge Hardcover

## A Comprehensive and Captivating Chronicle of Modern Chinese Warfare

Bruce A. Elleman's *Modern Chinese Warfare 1795–1989*, published by Routledge, is an absolutely remarkable achievement in historical scholarship. Far from being a dry recounting of battles, this first edition hardcover offers a deeply engaging and surprisingly accessible exploration of a crucial period in Chinese history. It's a journey that will resonate with seasoned historians, curious professionals, and those simply looking for a compelling read.

One of the book's most striking strengths lies in its ability to transcend a mere chronological listing of events. Elleman masterfully weaves a narrative that imbues the often brutal realities of warfare with a profound emotional depth. We are not just presented with troop movements and strategic decisions; we are invited to understand the human cost, the sacrifices made, and the enduring spirit of those involved. This emotional resonance gives the history a pulse, making it feel incredibly immediate and impactful.

While the subject matter is inherently serious, the book's presentation fosters a sense of imaginative engagement. Elleman's descriptive prose paints vivid pictures of the evolving landscape of Chinese warfare, from the late imperial era through the tumultuous 20th century. You can almost feel the dust of the battlefield, hear the distant rumble of artillery, and sense the shifting tides of

power. This vividness is not confined to the battlefield; it extends to the political and social contexts that shaped these conflicts, drawing the reader into the very fabric of the era.

What truly sets *Modern Chinese Warfare 1795–1989* apart is its universal appeal. While rooted in a specific national history, the themes of conflict, resilience, and transformation are undeniably human and transcend geographical and temporal boundaries. Readers of all ages will find themselves drawn into the compelling narrative, discovering not just the history of China but also timeless insights into the human condition. This makes it a truly magical journey, one that broadens horizons and deepens understanding.

This book is an essential addition to any library, and a compelling experience for any reader. Elleman has crafted a work that is both intellectually rigorous and emotionally stirring, a testament to his skill as a historian and storyteller. It's a book that will undoubtedly spark conversation, encourage further exploration, and leave a lasting impression.

We wholeheartedly recommend *Modern Chinese Warfare 1795–1989*. It is a timeless classic in the making, a powerful testament to the enduring importance of understanding the past, and a truly captivating reading experience that will continue to capture hearts worldwide. Prepare to be enlightened, moved, and utterly engrossed by this magnificent work.

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in taiwan straits crisis in asia and the role of the u s navy historian bruce elleman surveys the situation that has led to the current tensions between china and taiwan starting in 1949 the final phase of the civil war in china which ended with communist rule of the mainland and nationalist control of taiwan this work explores how the 100 mile wide passage of water known as the taiwan strait has served as the geographic flashpoint between the two nations even though u s navy destroyers have patrolled this body of water from 1950 to 1979 it has seen four crises 1954 55 1958 1962 and after the withdrawal of the u s navy 1995 96 that threatened to push taiwan and china to the brink of war notwithstanding the role of the united states in defusing cross strait tensions for some three decades and the cold peace that has settled in since then the

~~taiwan strait continues to be a major source of anxiety for the region and the~~  
world taiwan straits crisis in asia and the role of the u s navy traces the evolution of this tension between the two nations details the history of the crises between them and brings this story forward into the present by considering continuing sources of conflict present diplomatic efforts by the aggrieved nations and other key interests from the united states and europe to other regional powers and future possible outcomes in the ongoing struggle between china and taiwan relations simply written and cogently argued it is the ideal source for military personnel diplomats and scholars and student of the modern far east

now in a fully updated edition this accessible text provides a balanced history of modern china in a global context through years of living and research in china taiwan japan and russia the authors are deeply qualified to understand china s internal dynamics as well as its foreign relations over centuries arguing that modern chinese history cannot be understood without a deep appreciation of the outside factors that have influenced the country the authors focus on china s near neighbors especially japan and russia they also emphasize the tragic role of almost endless warfare throughout chinese history providing a unique comparative approach the authors bridge the cultural divide separating chinese history from western readers trying to understand it specifically geared to the teaching requirements of the semester system the book is divided into four parts and a total of twenty eight chapters corresponding either to two chapters per week in a fourteen week semester or one chapter per week in a two semester course

the wars for asia 1911 1949 shows that the western treatment of world war ii the second sino japanese war and the chinese civil war as separate events misrepresents their overlapping connections and causes the chinese civil war precipitated a long regional war between china and japan that went global in 1941 when the chinese found themselves fighting a civil war within a regional war within an overarching global war the global war that consumed western attentions resulted from japan s peripheral strategy to cut foreign aid to china

~~by attacking pearl harbour and western interests throughout the pacific in 1941~~

s c m paine emphasizes the fears and ambitions of japan china and russia and the pivotal decisions that set them on a collision course in the 1920s and 1930s the resulting wars together yielded a viscerally anti japanese and unified communist china the still angry rising power of the early twenty first century

the making of the modern chinese navy includes 14 historical case studies that help to illuminate a number of special characteristics of the modern day chinese navy most chinese naval officers perhaps take for granted including a belief in the mandate of heaven tributary system and the fear of losing face either in a diplomatic setting or by risking valuable equipment in battle ethnic and language differences regional loyalties and political mistrust potentially exacerbate these problems special peculiarities include the mongol dual officer diarchy that led to the political commissar system utilized by the people s liberation army outside influences such as blockade sanctions or embargoes can exert a profound impact on china just as foreign intervention or equally important a decision not to intervene can often determine the outcome of major maritime events np the 14 case studies discuss many of these characteristics while the conclusion examines all case studies together and places them in a historical perspective the making of the modern chinese navy assesses which of these historical characteristics and peculiarities are still present in full force in china and which ones may no longer have as great an impact on the contemporary chinese navy

this book is one of the first scholarly works to address the problem of naval blockades from a multi national perspective

this book explains why china has resorted to the use of large scale military force in foreign affairs how will china use its growing military might in coming crisis and existing conflicts this book contributes to the current debate on the future of the asia pacific region by examining why china has resorted to using military force in the past utilizing fresh theoretical insights on the causes of interstate war and employing a sophisticated methodological framework the book provides detailed analyses of china s intervention in the korean war the

~~sino indian war china s border clashes with the soviet union and the sino vietnamese war~~ it argues that china did not employ military force in these wars for the sake of national security or because of material issues under contestation as frequently claimed rather the book s findings strongly suggest that considerations about china s international status and relative standing are the principal reasons for china s decision to engage in military force in these instances when reflecting the study s central insight back onto china s contemporary territorial conflicts and problematic bilateral relationships it is argued that the people s republic is still a status seeking and thus highly status sensitive actor as a result china s status ambitions should be very carefully observed and well taken into account when interacting with the prc this book will be of much interest to students of chinese foreign policy asian politics military and strategic studies and ir in general

this book offers comprehensive coverage of china s military history from the qing dynasty 1644 1912 to present china has become one of the great world powers of the twenty first century as a result chinese leaders and observers outside of china alike seek to explain china s strategic thought and action in doing so they routinely refer to china s military history this volume examines this history beginning with the qing dynasty s era of imperial expansion and subsequent decline continuing with the wars against foreign aggression and internal uprisings of the nineteenth century the revolutionary overthrow of the qing in 1911 and seemingly constant wars of the first half of the twentieth century and concluding with the chinese communist party s use of military power from 1950 to present this history is generally presented as a narrative of imperial greatness followed by a century of national humiliation followed by a recovery of national wealth and power under communist party leadership while acknowledging this narrative harold tanner digs deeper to reveal a fundamental continuity of interests underlying chinese strategic thinking from the qing to the present while also showing how the theory and practice of war in china changed over time as chinese political and military leaders wrestled with tremendous challenges drawing on foreign sources as well as their own cultural

~~heritage to seek new solutions both engaging and timely war in modern china a~~  
military history is essential reading for students scholars and enthusiasts of  
chinese and global military history

many people in the western world maintain the contradictory notions that the  
pirates of old were romantic social bandits while their modern brethren are  
brutal thugs thieves and villains in global piracy james e wadsworth compiles  
and contextualizes a wealth of primary source documents which illustrate the  
global phenomenon of piracy through the eyes and voices of those who  
experienced it both the pirates or privateers themselves and their victims the  
book allows us to confront our stereotypes by giving us access to real pirates  
in a wide range of historical periods and global regions from ancient greece to  
modern day nigeria unfiltered as much as possible by authorial voice or  
interpretation global piracy seeks neither to romanticize nor vilify pirates but  
simply to understand them in the context of their times and the broader world  
they inhabited departing from run of the mill narratives it selects documents  
which provide new and fascinating insights into piracy around the globe with  
documents introduced by contextual information and supplemented by study  
questions suggested reading lists illustrations and maps this book is an essential  
companion for anyone studying the history of piracy

this book explores the question why is the us navy in the south china sea at all  
it traces the history of diplomatic economic and military tensions among the  
people s republic of china the soviet union the united states and the socialist  
republic of vietnam outlining the origins of the united states vietnam relationship  
during the immediate post world war ii period the turmoil of the vietnam war  
during which china supported north vietnam against a us backed south vietnam  
and the decision of the us government to open relations with china beginning in  
1972 it shows how from 1945 1975 the us government used its relations with  
vietnam to exert diplomatic economic and military pressure on china to open  
negotiations leading to full recognition and further discusses the surprising  
action of the us navy in 1974 to allow the chinese navy to take the paracel  
islands by force thereby denying control over these islands to a united vietnam

~~closely allied with the soviet union which was the common enemy of both china~~  
and the usa overall the book demonstrates how the presence of the us navy in the south china sea is a crucial element in much wider global us strategy

this is the fourth revised and updated edition of geoffrey till s seapower a guide for the twenty first century the rise of the chinese and other asian navies worsening quarrels over maritime jurisdiction and the united states maritime pivot towards the asia pacific region reminds us that the sea has always been central to human development as a source of resources and as a means of transportation information exchange and strategic dominion it has provided the basis for mankind s prosperity and security and this is even more true in the early twenty first century with the emergence of an increasingly globalised world trading system navies have always provided a way of policing and sometimes exploiting the system in contemporary conditions navies and other forms of maritime power are having to adapt in order to exert the maximum power ashore in the company of others and to expand the range of their interests activities and responsibilities while these new tasks are developing fast traditional ones still predominate deterrence remains the first duty of today s navies backed up by the need to fight and win if necessary how navies and their states balance these two imperatives will tell us a great deal about our future in this increasingly maritime century this book investigates the consequences of all this for the developing nature composition and functions of all the world s significant navies and provides a guide for anyone interested in the changing and crucial role of seapower in the twenty first century seapower is essential reading for all students of naval power maritime security and naval history and highly recommended for students of strategic studies international security and international relations

this book explores the formation of modern chinese diplomacy by examining how classical chinese philosophy influenced diplomatic responses to foreign encroachments in northeast china or manchuria during the historical period from the signing of the treaty of aigun in 1858 to china s participation in the paris peace conference in 1919 drawing primarily on qing dynasty and beiyang

~~government diplomatic archives and classical chinese historiography~~ it highlights the role of confucian based principles in shaping the diplomatic thinking of the qing dynasty and beiyang governments through a top down state centric analysis the research suggests that these traditional chinese cultural values provided a distinct intellectual and theoretical framework for modern chinese leaders guiding diplomatic decisions amid foreign incursions and modernisation pressures it underscores the lasting impact of china s traditional cultural knowledge on its diplomatic evolution particularly in resolving the so called northeast question

this book examines the origins of the u s navy s 2007 maritime strategy the formation of the u s government s pivot to asia strategy and the most recent revisions to this strategy that focus more specifically on china besides examining the details of this strategy formulation the book explores the internal and external repercussions on the u s navy of the pivot to asia it discusses the fat leonard scandal which involved bribery and corruption in contracts for the maintenance of the u s fleets in the region and considers the sharp decrease in training and readiness of the pacific fleet to support the pivot which in turn led to a serious maritime collision it also assesses the impact of the pivot on other countries in the region engaging in the debate as to whether the pivot was necessary in order to convince the countries of the region that the united states had not lost its staying power or whether the pivot managed to make tensions in the asia pacific worse even while allowing the strategic situation in the middle east and europe to worsen as a result of neglect

this book provides a history of the south china sea conflict and lays out the stakes for each of the bordering states and china s interaction with them namely vietnam the philippines brunei malaysia taiwan and indonesia it also examines the u s government s role in the region china s naval operations in the south china sea is highly topical it examines the evolving perception of the people s republic of china s prc of the south china sea scs and beijing s accompanying maritime strategy to claim the islands and waters particularly in the context of the strategies of the neighbouring stake holding nations in

~~addition to long standing territorial disputes over the islands and waters of the~~  
scs china and the other littoral states vietnam the philippines brunei malaysia taiwan and indonesia have growing and often mutually exclusive interests in the offshore energy reserves and fishing grounds many other countries outside of the region worry about the protection of sea lines of communication for military and commercial traffic oil tankers in particular these differences have been expressed in the increasing frequency and intensity of maritime incidents involving both naval and civilian vessels sometimes working in coordination against naval or civilian targets each chapter on the littoral states closely examines that state s territorial claims to the islands and waters of the scs its primary economic and military interests in these areas its views on the sovereignty disputes over the entire scs its strategy to achieve its objectives and its views on the u s involvement in any and all of these issues

in 21 short case studies this short book examines the distinctive coincidental history of america britain and various asian countries during the twentieth century it covers a wide range of historical events from american expansion into the pacific to the creation of the soviet gulags in siberia to the end of the vietnam war each of the short case studies focuses on one set of coincidental actions were they linked in some way or completely random the reader is allowed to decide for themselves often the coincidental overlap is due to timing with various events throughout history occurring on the same dates for example great britain s controversial blockade of venezuela began on december 7 1902 the u s navy and the royal navy merged forces on december 7 1917 and japan attacked american and british naval bases on december 7 1941 the author will suggest that these three actions were linked but it is up to the reader to decide if it was really just a coincidence the main goal of this short book is to show how watershed historical events can often become layered or overlap each other sometimes by intent but often merely by happenstance as ian fleming once famously opined about actions in war once is happenstance twice is a coincidence three times is enemy action

this book provides a comprehensive history of the modern chinese navy from

~~1840 to the present beginning with a survey of naval developments in earlier~~  
imperial times the book goes on to show how china has since the mid 19th century four times built or rebuilt its navy after the opium wars a navy which was sunk or captured by the japanese in the war of 1894 1895 during the 1920s and 1930s a navy again sunk or lost to japan in the war of 1937 1945 in the 1950s a navy built with soviet help which stagnated following the sino soviet split in the early 1960s and finally the present navy which absorbed its predecessor but with the most modern sections dating from the 1990s a navy which continues to grow and prosper the book also shows how the underlying strategic imperative for the chinese navy has been the defense of china s coasts and major rivers how naval mutiny was a key factor in the overthrow of the qing and the nationalist regimes and how successive chinese governments aware of the potent threat of naval mutiny have restricted the growth independence and capabilities of the navy overall the book provides at a time when many people in the west view china and its navy as a threat a rich detailed and realistic assessment of the true nature of the chinese navy and the contemporary factors that affect its development

maritime powers dominate the planet from the british empire of the 19th century to the american post world war ii domination of global affairs to a large degree their control of the globe is based on control of the seas this book seeks to examine the strengths and weaknesses of maritime power including specific chapters on mutiny blockades coalitions piracy expeditionary warfare commerce raiding and soft power operations but with larger discussion of such sea power characteristics as sea control sea denial and the competition between land powers and sea powers the conclusions will discuss how many other countries including russia during the cold war and the prc today have or are seeking to use sea power to claim regional and then eventually global hegemony

the important and previously undocumented event in the history of the second world war the negotiation of prisoner exchanges between the united states and japan during 1941 to 1943 is examined here by bruce elleman approximately

~~7000 american citizens had been arrested by the japanese authorities while~~  
visiting japan as tourists conducting business teaching english or carrying out  
missionary work the same amount of japanese citizens living illegally in the  
united states had to be repatriated to secure the americans release challenging  
the conventional perceptions regarding the role and justification of the detention  
camp this insightful book addresses questions regarding the diplomatic  
agreement between japan and the united states the japanese american  
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